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P.C. NO 77-0-3928

1. LOCAL BANKERS AND TAIL VICE PRESIDENT FINANCE KNOW OF NO
DEFAULT BY TAIL TO KLM. SUGGEST DEFAULT MAY BE ON PART OF
AIR SIAM, WHICH IS INSOLVENT PRIVATE AIRLINE NOT RELATED
TO THAI AIRWAYS CO. LTD. (TAC) OR TAIL. (SEE BANGKOK 1126
& 1202)

2. TAIL HAS PROPOSED FOR CONSIDERATION OF MINISTRY OF
FINANCE PURCHASE OF ONE DC-10-30 FOR LONDON ROUTE NOT YET
COMMITTED BY U.K. AND SIX A-300 4B AIRCRAFT TO REPLACE SIX
OBSOLETE DC-8-33 ON MEDIUM RANGE ASIA FLIGHTS. HENRY CLAUDOT,
LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE OF BANQUE FRANCAISE DU COMMERCE EXTERIEUR,
HAS CONFIRMED AIRBUS TERMS ARE 12 YEARS, 8-1/4 PERCENT, WITH
ONE YEAR REVOLVING GUARANTEE ACCEPTABLE. NEITHER TAIL NOR
TAC IS CONSIDERING THE BREE B-727-200 AUTHORIZED UNDER
P.C. 77-0-3899, ALTHOUGH AIR VICE MARSHALL TAVEEP EXPECTS
TAC TO PURCHASE ONE B-737-200 DURING 1978.

3. MCDONNELL DOUGLAS HAS JUST SUBMITTED OFFER OF
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MEDIUM RANGE DC-10-30 MR IN BID AGAINST AIRBUSSES.
THAMNOON WANGLEE, TAIL FINANCE MINISTER, PREFERS AND
WOULD PUSH FOR PURCHASE OF DC-10-30 MR AIRCRAFT IF TERMS
WERE EQUIVALENT TO CREDIT NO 6246 AUTHORIZED MARCH
8, 1976. FULL GOT GUARANTEE WOULD BE OFFERED TO EIB FOR
DC-10-30 AIRCRAFT.

4. DELIVERY SCHEDULE OF SIX REPLACEMENT AIRBUS 300 OR DC-10
MR AIRCRAFT IS TWO BY MARCH 1978, TWO BY MARCH 1979, AND AN
OPTION FOR FINAL TWO BY END OF 1980. SINGLE LONG RANGE
DC-10-30 WOULD DELIVER IN 1978 SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF LONDON
ROUTE.
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